



NHBZ Weekly News

Welcome to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion

Affiliated with Union of Orthodox Congregations of America

December 17, 2022 • 23 Kislev 5783 • Candle Lighting 4:23pm • Shabbos Concludes 5:26pm

Parshas Vayishlach
Haftorah

Genesis 32:4 – 36:43
Obadiah 1:1 – 21

Chumash pp. 171 – 197
Chumash pp. 1141 – 1142

Mazel Tov to Zack Taylor & Dodi Smason on the Occasion of Their Wedding

Aufruf December 17, 2022 Wedding December 20, 2022 Sheva Brachos December 24, 2022

Prayer

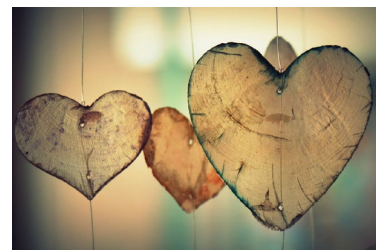
Shabbos, Friday, December 16

- 4:20 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, Ma'ariv
- 4:23 pm Candle Lighting

Shabbos, Saturday, December 17

- 9:00 am Shachris followed by Musaf
Pesukei D'Zimra: **TBA**
Shacharis: **David Rubin**
Leyning: **Stuart Klamen**
- 10:00 am Kids' Program (downstairs)
- 10:15 am "Soul Building" with Rabbi David (downstairs)
This week's topic: "Is Testing the Limits of Your Strength and Stamina a Good Thing?
What about Spiritual Strength?"
- 4:10 pm Mincha, Shalosh Seudos, Ma'ariv
- 5:26 pm Shabbos concludes

Haftorah: **Brent Waxman**
Sermon: **Rabbi Chaim Bogopulsky**
Musaf: **David Rubin**



Minyan Times Dec 16 – Dec 24, 2022

	Fri Dec 16	Shabbos Dec 17	Sun Dec 18 ^A	Mon Dec 19	Tues Dec 20	Wed Dec 21	Thu Dec 22	Fri Dec 23	Shabbos Dec 24
Shachris (am)	7:00	9:00	8:00	6:45	6:45	6:45	6:45	6:45	9:00
Mincha/Ma'ariv (pm)	4:20	4:10	4:20	4:20	--	--	--	4:20	4:15
Ma'ariv Only (pm)	--	--	--		7:00*	7:00*	7:00*	--	--

^AChanukah begins *Join us at 6:50 pm for a 10-minute *Shiur* (class) on Kitzur Shulchan

HAPPY CHANUKAH! Sunday, Dec 17 – Sunday, Dec 25, 2022

Chag Urim Sameach! Light the first candle this Sunday and come to our party next Sunday! NHBZ wishes all our family and friends a happy and healthy Chanukah.

Congregation News

Mazel Tov on Simchas This Week! Dec 18 – Dec 24, 2022

Happy Birthday

Victoria John	Dec 18	Debbie Finland	Dec 21
Peggy Umansky	Dec 18	Mindy Woolf	Dec 21
David Gellman	Dec 19	Gavriel Matt	Dec 21
Leslie Gitel	Dec 19	Norman Liss	Dec 22
Rhonnie Goldfader	Dec 19	Michael Kass	Dec 24

OOPS! We missed one! A belated happy birthday to Chava Bogopulsky Dec 5



Happy Anniversary

Irl & Myra Solomon Dec 21
Jay & Peggy Umansky Dec 21

Events

Coming Soon

- This Shabbos, Dec 17
- Shabbos, Dec 24
- Sunday, Dec 25
- Shabbos, Dec 31
- Shabbos, Jan 7, 2023
- Sunday, Jan 8, 2023
- Shabbos, Jan 21, 2023
- Smason/Taylor Aufruf Luncheon (See below)
- Taylor Sheva Brachos Luncheon (See below)
- NHBZ's Fabulous Chanukah Party (6 – 8:30 pm)
- SAVE THE DATE: Yosef Granillo Bar Mitzvah
- SAVE THE DATE: Benjamin Winograd Bar Mitzvah
- SAVE THE DATE: Exclusive NHBZ Tour of the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum (See flyer)
- SAVE THE DATE: Installation of Rabbis, Officers & Board (more details soon!)

On-Going

- Every Weekday, 6:15 am
- Every Shabbos
- Sunday Mornings, after Shachris
- Mondays, 8:00 pm
- Tuesdays, 12:00 pm
- Wednesdays, 12:15 pm
- Mondays – Thursdays, 3:00 pm
- Gemara (Talmud) learning with Rabbi Bogopulsky
- Shabbos Morning Kids' Program, 10:00 am (downstairs)
- "Soul Building" with Rabbi David, 10:15 am
- Mishna learning with Rabbi Swidler
- St. Louis Kollel Amud-A-Week
- "Journey through the Chumash" with Rabbi Bogopulsky
- Pirkei Avos / Ethics of the Fathers with Rabbi Smason – **NO CLASS 12/21/22**
- Book of Kings: An On-line Class with Rabbi Smason – **NO CLASS week of 12/19/22**

LOVE IS IN THE AIR! This Shabbos and Next Shabbos, December 24, 2022



COME ONE! COME ALL!!

As we celebrate the Smason/Taylor simcha (Dodi Smason is getting married!). Everyone is invited to join **Rabbi Ze'ev & Chani Smason and family** for Zack's *Aufruf* and lunch this Shabbos, December 17, 2022. **The celebration continues** at the Sheva Brachos and lunch next Shabbos, December 24, 2022.



Granillo Bar Mitzvah Friday, December 30 and Shabbos, December 31, 2022



"With gratitude to HaShem, the Granillo family invites you to Yosef Granillo's Bar Mitzvah on Shabbos, December 31, 2022. In addition, we invite the men of NHBZ to share their life's advice to the newly minted adult at a "tish" immediately following *Shachris* services on Friday, December 30, 2022. **Kindly RSVP to hellogranillo@gmail.com or hehadahat2009@gmail.com.**"

~ Carole Granillo

WE'RE HAVING A CHANUKAH PARTY!!!

Sunday, December 25, 2022 6 - 8:30 pm



RSVP extended

Accepting Reservations through
Sunday, December 18, 12:00 pm
(NO WALK-INS)

***GREAT game and BINGO
prizes for Kids & Adults**

***Chocolate GELT**

**Come out and PLAY! Join the
celebration on the 8th day of
Chanukah!**

**Full-sized flyer at the back of
this newsletter**

***Please bring a Kosher canned
good for the Jewish Food
Pantry**

Exclusive NHBZ Tour of the St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum

Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 10:00 am

Please join us for an exclusive NHBZ tour of the new museum with your fellow congregants from NHBZ! The tour should take approximately 2 hours. \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors (65 and up!). RSVP **before Wednesday, December 21** at 5:00 pm by using the handy QR Code, or go to

<https://www.nhbz.org/event/nhbz-private-tour-of-st-louis-kaplan-feldman-holocaust-museum/>. Please contact the Office for payment. See flyer for full details.



Jewish Community's Annual Winter Outreach Donation Drive

NHBZ is collecting items for the Winter Outreach Donation Drive. There is a collection box in the lobby. Please donate NEW and CLEAN: underwear, socks, gloves, blankets, pillows, coats, hats, scarves, boots, clothing, towels, washcloths and toiletries. All donations will be taken to BridgeSTL for distribution to people experiencing homelessness in the St. Louis Area. It's COLD out there! Share the warmth of generosity.

The Four Questions

It's time to hear from our very own Piano Man,

HOWARD SANDLER

The NHBZ “Jack of all Trades” – he opens the Shul (7 days a week), makes coffee for the morning minyan, opens the Aron Kodesh on Torah days and is the regular davener of Pesukei D’Zimra. The proud father of five daughters and grandfather to twenty! A member for 22 years, Howard remains a devoted member of NHBZ and an integral part of our family.

The Questions:

1. **Who is your favorite Torah personality and why?**

A: “HaShem. As Creator and Ruler of this world, who better to put our trust in?”

2. **What is your favorite snack food?**

A: “Strawberry shortcake (no cheese, please!).”

3. **What are three words you use to describe yourself?**

A: “Devoted. Cheerful. Musically inclined.”

4. **What inspires you?**

A: “Family. Chesed-giving people. People in general.”

Thank you, Howard! You're more handsome and sing better than Jimmy Durante, but your jokes are twice as old! 🤔 🤔 🤔

In the Community

- **Aish St. Louis Two-day Event, December 25-26, 10 am – 3 pm**

Jewish learning, lunch and super-fun activities for kids! See flyer for details.

- **The Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry Needs Our Help**

Donations of food or money are greatly appreciated! Some items needed for January include: canned chili or pasta with meat; kosher, non-perishable foods; healthy canned soups; any canned fruit; peanut butter and jelly... and the list goes on! Please consider donating to this important community service. <https://jfsstl.org/get-help/our-services/food-pantry/>

- **St. Louis Jewish Community Blood Drive, Sunday, January 8, 2023**

SAVE THE DATE! The Annual St. Louis Jewish Community Blood Drive will take place at Congregation Young Israel on Sunday, January 8, 2023, 10 am – 4 pm. Please plan to participate in this life saving Chesed.

OY VEY! DID I FORGET THE NHBZ ANNIVERSARY EVENT THIS YEAR??



No, the event was not held due to an unresolved Abominable Snowman sighting, but you can still make a donation to the shul for this year. We look forward to the 2023 event. Contact the office to volunteer to join the Anniversary Event committee.

There is still plenty of time to make a 2022 donation to NHBZ!
If you need some ideas...

NHBZ Giving & Dedication Opportunities

Giving to Nusach Hari B'nai Zion provides you with an opportunity to fulfill the important mitzvah of contributing tzedakah (charity). We offer many ways to say Mazel Tov to relatives and friends in honor of simchas celebrated, or to remember loved ones by making a dedication in their memories.

Contributions & Dedications for Building & Campus

To receive information on the many naming and dedication opportunities, please call our office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2.

Inscribed Bricks/Pavers & Plantings

\$250.00 for 4"x8" inscribed Brick/Paver; \$500.00 for 8"x8" inscribed Brick/Paver

Tree of Life – In the Alper Lobby

\$360.00 Minimum per Brass leaf inscribed, in memory of or in honor of a special person(s) or occasion.

Cast Iron Memorial Plaques – In the Feigenbaum-Pepose Learning Center

\$360.00 Bronze Plaque - name in raised lettering. Molay is recited on each yearzeit.

Kaddish

Important mitzvos to be observed in memory of relatives or dear friends.

\$360.00 Kaddish recited daily for eleven months after the passing of the individual.

\$360.00 Kaddish recited each yearzeit in perpetuity.

Book Funds – Dedications Inscribed

\$60.00 Nusach Hari Daily Siddur

\$75.00 Artsroll – Stone Edition Chumash

\$60.00 each Rosh Hashana & Yom Kippur Machzorim

Shabbos Bulletin Sponsorship

\$54 includes your specified dedication listed in the Bulletin

Call or email the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2 or office@nhbz.org

Tributes – Honor Simchas, Wishes for Good Health, Condolences

Call or email the office, 314-991-2100, ext. 2 or office@nhbz.org

\$10 donation per card; \$25 pack of 5 cards. We have "In memory...", "In honor", Speedy Recovery, and Rose Ragin Chesed Fund* cards. (*Sold only in packs of 5)

Kiddush Sponsorship – Defrays Costs of Shabbos & Yom Tov Kiddushim

Please call our office for menu selections and pricing, 314-991-2100, ext. 2.

NOTE: Please note that the above prices, effective December 2022, are subject to change.

Learning at NHBZ

Parashas Vayeshev

Upon reviewing the stories of two of Yaakov's twelve sons, Yosef and Yehudah, one may wonder why Yehudah's descendants were ultimately crowned with the kingship of Israel rather than those of Yosef. Stories regarding their chastity are told of both.

After her first and second husbands died, both of whom were sons of Yehudah, Tamar dressed as a prostitute and seduced her former father-in-law. Yosef, on the other hand, when confronted by his master Potiphar's wife, who propositioned him in the privacy of her mansion, ran away. Yehudah acceded to temptation; Yosef resisted.

Earlier in the Parshah, the Torah tells us that Yosef was thrown into a pit by his brothers and about to be killed. What does Yehudah do? He suggests that the brothers sell Yosef to a passing caravan of Ishmaelite merchants. Though he is the leader of the brothers, he does not recommend that Yosef be retrieved from the pit and brought back to their father. Moreover, Yehudah, according to certain midrashim, married a Canaanite woman – something even Esav did not do – at a time when his family was anxious about the children intermarrying.

Why, one wonders, was Yehudah rewarded with the sovereign leadership of Israel? A good leader is not one who is perfect, but one who falters and finds the strength of purpose to make a fresh start through repentance and improved actions. The Talmud tells us, "Four died through the serpent's machinations" – that is, they died because all people are doomed to die and not on account of their personal sins: Binyamin, Amram, Yishai and Caleiv. Binyamin was the most perfect of Yaakov's sons, but he was never featured as a leader. The son accepted as leader, by the brothers and their father, was Yehudah.

Yehudah's public admission of his relations with Tamar made a great impact in Heaven. Following G-d's forgiveness of him, the angels pronounced the blessing (which later formed part of the *Amidah*), "Blessed are you, Lord, who is gracious and forgives repeatedly."

While the sincere confession acknowledges imperfection, it demonstrates moral maturity and responsibility. The baal teshuvah has the courage to admit his failures and uses those setbacks to better himself. Leaders are not born perfect, but they constantly strive toward that goal. This is Yehudah and his claim to royalty.

Rabbi Chaim Landau

Congregation Ner Tamid in Baltimore, Maryland

- **Gemara Learning with Rabbi Bogopulsky**, Weekdays, 6:15 am
Dive into the wisdom of the Gemara (Talmud). Start your day off right!
- **"Journey through the Chumash" with Rabbi Bogopulsky**, Tuesdays, 12:00 pm
Take an amazing journey of learning! Step by step, we will explore the Chumash.
- **Pirkei Avos / Ethics of the Fathers with Rabbi Smason**, Wednesdays, 12:15 pm
No Class 12/21/22
Feed your soul 45 minutes of spiritual nourishment from the timeless wisdom of our Sages, full of relevant, contemporary insights and lessons. Low-calorie, gluten free, and refreshing!
- **Book of Kings with Rabbi Smason**, Monday-Thursday, 3:00 pm (On Zoom!)
No Class week of 12/19/22
An online class providing an exciting and informative look into the lives of Israel's early kings and prophets. Thirty-minute sessions on Zoom. Join class via this link:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78974795850?pwd=tw7lIOVumZ8QelPxHvApYZsox8VUem.1>
- **Kitzur Shulchan Aruch with Rabbi Bogopulsky**, Tuesday-Thursday, 6:50 pm
Invest a few minutes (right before Ma'ariv!) to expand your understanding of Halacha/Jewish Law.
- **"Soul Building" Series**, Every Shabbos, 10:15 am
Rabbi Yosef David teaches ways to deepen our understanding. This week's topic:
"Is Testing the Limits of Your Strength and Stamina a Good Thing? What about Spiritual Strength?"



THE SISTERHOOD SCOOP DECEMBER 17



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Join Sisterhood at NHBZ's **FAMILY CHANUKAH PARTY** for an Evening of Fun! Sun., Dec. 25, 6-8:30PM

Get Ready for Chanukah!

The lights of the Chanukah menorah are more than simply a reminder of ancient miracles, they are meant to provide inspiration and illumination in our contemporary daily lives.

In fact, in a very real sense, the Chanukah miracles of old are re-enacted in our observance today. That is one reason why we say, in the second blessing recited over the Chanukah lights, "Blessed are You... who wrought miracles for our ancestors, in those days, at this time." By reflecting upon the significance of the Chanukah miracles, we can see, with ever-increasing clarity, the miraculous dimension of events in our own time.



Book Club News

The Book Club meets at 7:15-8:45 PM on the **fourth Monday of odd-numbered months**:

★ **January 23 – Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth** - by Noa Tishby

★ **March 27 – The Lost Shtetl: A Novel** - by Max Gross

★ **May 22 – The Watchmakers: A Story of Brotherhood, Survival, and Hope Amid the Holocaust** - by Harry Lenga and Scott Lenga

SAVE THE DATE ★ SAVE THE DATE ★ SAVE THE DATE

All women are welcome! For more info contact *Fran Alper* at 314-993-4024 or fran.alper@outlook.com or sisterhood@nhbz.org

VAYEISHEV: Lending an Ear

Sitting in prison in Egypt because of a false accusation, and prior to this being sold to slavery by his brothers, Yosef had good reason to be focused inwards, on his own problems. He had been through enough!

Yet despite having his own struggles, we see that he is completely in tune with the feelings of those around him. He noticed that his fellow inmates were looking unhappy and asked them what was wrong. He didn't just tell them to "cheer up," but instead asked them "Why do you appear sad today?" (Bereishit 40:7)

A simple action, yet enough to show that he cares.

There is a great satisfaction in getting something off one's chest. Of simply talking about worries or struggles, even if there is no solution in sight.

So often, people suffer greatly because they are unable to find someone with a sympathetic ear. Our sages beautifully note the therapeutic quality of telling one's problems to others. "When there is worry in the heart of man, he should tell it to others" (Yoma 75a).

Let's appreciate this principle in human psychology, learn a lesson from Yosef's concern for others, and keep our eyes and ears open to people around us.

Provide the platform for people to talk. Empathize and lend an ear; you can change a life! – by *Shoshanna Dresner*, www.aish.com

Sisterhood is gearing up for 2023 and we need YOU!

To prepare for 2023, Sisterhood will soon hold an open planning meeting to discuss the best ways for Sisterhood to proceed in its mission and activities for the coming year. Do you have ideas for a holiday activity, a Chesed project, or an education program? What activities would you like to see **your NHBZ Sisterhood** conduct? We need YOU, your ideas, and your energy. Join us to reconnect, learn, and share ideas, as we plan for 2023, and beyond. All interested women will be invited to attend.

Watch this page and your email for the meeting date, time, and details.

For questions email: sisterhood@nhbz.org



For information or to join Sisterhood, call the NHBZ office at 314-991-2100, ext. 2, or email: sisterhood@nhbz.org



JOIN US, ONE AND ALL! Chanukah Party!

Sunday December 25th, 2022
6:00 to 8:30 PM

Kids Dreidel Games
Prizes & Chocolate



Bingo For all Ages!
Gelt For all!

An Evening of FUN!



SLOPPY JOES, HOT DOGS & MORE!

Way Cool Balloons by Mike Geerlof



Adults-\$15 • All Kids under 10 - \$9 • 3 and under no charge • \$60 Family cap



PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 18

at: office@nhbz.org or call 314-991-2100.



Consider being a sponsor!



All food is supervised by Rabbi Bogopulsky

Two-day Event for the Whole Family

Free
for kids
12 and
under

Dec 25 & 26
10 am - 3 pm

**Jewish learning, lunch and
super-fun activities for kids!**

*ADULTS, discover Jewish wisdom with classes on Jewish identity, parenting, relationships, marriage, intimacy and even lessons we can learn from superheroes!
Featuring Rabbi Leiby Burnham & Rabbi Cary Friedman*

*KIDS, enjoy Chanukah donut decorating & crafts,
Arcade Truck (ages 8 +), Inflatable Slide (kids 7 & under)
and Mad Science presentation "Fire & Ice"*

*EVERYONE, dine on Chinese food on Dec 25 (what else?)
and Make your own Sandwich & Salad on Dec 26
with plenty of yummy snacks and drinks throughout.*

Location: Torah Prep Girls' School
8136 Groby Rd., University City, MO



**For a schedule of classes/activities,
speakers' bio's and payment information,
call 314-862-2474 or email cwolff@aish.com
or scan the QR code above**



Join Us For An EXCLUSIVE TOUR!

Please join us for an exclusive NHBZ tour
of the new Holocaust Museum.

Sunday, January 8th, 2023

We will meet at the museum at 10:00 AM.
The tour should take approximately 2 hours.

COST: \$12.00 for Adults. \$10.00 for Seniors (65 and older)

RSVP: By Wednesday, December 21, 2022. Scan the QR-Code
to make reservations for this exclusive NHBZ guided tour.

Or email: (office@nhbz.org) Or call to register at 314-991-2100 Ext:2.



Questions: Contact Jesse Barash
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